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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ADMISSION OF ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS

Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as observers is governed by Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which provides, *inter alia*, that "any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object."

2. At its first session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), further to a proposal by the President, agreed that the secretariat should invite to the future sessions of the Conference and its subsidiary bodies, all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted at that session and at future sessions, unless an objection was raised to any particular organization in accordance with the Convention and the rules of procedure (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all the organizations admitted to previous sessions (with the exception of those which were admitted to the third session of the Conference of the Parties only) have been invited to attend the fifth session, and the procedure for admission to the Conference of the Parties applies to new applicants only.

3. In this context, the secretariat has prepared a new list of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed a wish to be admitted to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 5), for consideration by the Parties at the start of the session.

This new list includes all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have requested and been accorded pre-admittance status to COP 5. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and of the established practice whereby non-governmental organizations are required to furnish proof of their non-profit (tax-exempt) status in a State Member of the United Nations or of a specialized agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency or to Parties to the International Court of Justice.

4. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties has considered the list of applicants and raised no objection to the organizations listed in the attached annex. These organizations have been advised of their "pre-admittance status" on the understanding that the final authority for the admission of observers rests with the Conference of the Parties.

5. In the light of the above, the Conference is invited at its first plenary meeting to accord observer status to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the attached list.

Annex

New list of organizations that have expressed their wish to be admitted as observers at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Center for International Forestry Research, CIFOR, Bogor, Indonesia

2. Regional Environment Center for Central and Eastern Europe, REC, Szentendre, Hungary

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Association Internationale Forêts Méditérranéennes, AIFM, Marseille, France

2. Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, BCAS, Dhaka, Bangladesh

3. Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD, BIAC, Paris, France

4. CEE Bankwatch Network, Prague, Czech Republic

5. Citizens Environmental Foundation, CEF, Kyoto, Japan

6. Confédération Européenne des Propriétaires Forestiers, CEPF, Brussels, Belgium

7. Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen e.V (DGVN), Bonn, Germany (German United Nations Association)

8. Deutsche Gesellschaft für seltene Kulturpflanzen e.V. , DGSK e.V., Niederschach, Germany
(German Association for Rare Cultivated Plants)

9. EnterpriseWorks Worldwide, Washington, DC, USA

10. EUROHEAT & POWER, unichal, Brussels, Belgium

11. European Landowners' Organization/Organisation de la Ruralité et du Milieu européen, ELO/ORME, Brussels, Belgium

12. European Union of the Natural Gas Industry, EUROGAS, Brussels, Belgium

13. Fachhochschule Münster, Münster, Germany

14. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, FCM, Ottawa, Canada

15. Helio International (Global Energy Sustainability Observatory), HELIO, Paris, France

16. Institute for European Environmental Policy, IEEP, London, UK

17. Instituto ECOAR for Citizenship, ECOAR, Sao Paulo, Brazil

18. International Cogeneration Alliance, ICA, Edinburgh, UK

19. Kyoto University, Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto, Japan

20. Leadership for the Environment and Development - Europe, LEAD, Bonn, Germany

21. Princeton University, New York, USA

22. Rheinisch-Westfalisches Institut for Wirtschaftsforschung e.V., RWI, Essen, Germany (Rhine-Westphalia Institute for Economic Research)

23. Tsinghua University, Global Climate Change Institute, GCCI, Beijing, China

24. University of St. Gallen, Institute for Economy and the Environment, IWOe-HSG, St Gallen, Switzerland

25. University of Tampere, UTS, Tampere, Finland

26. U.S. Combined Heat and Power Association, U.S.CHPA, New York, USA

27. Young People in Social Action, YPSA, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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